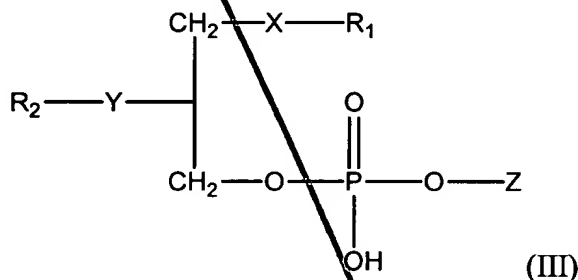


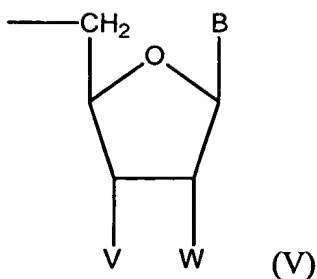
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Please amend claims 56 and 95 as follows:

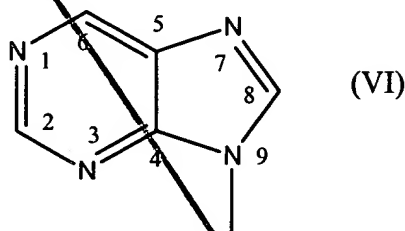
56. (Thrice Amended) A method of combating a viral infection in a subject in need of such treatment, wherein the viral infection comprises a virus selected from the group consisting of HIV-1, HBV, herpes virus, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus, mumps, measles, and parainfluenza virus, the method comprising administering to said subject an effective infection-combating amount of a compound of Formula III



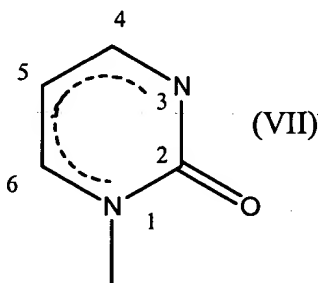
wherein: R<sub>1</sub> is a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group optionally substituted from 1 to 5 times with -OH, -COOH, oxo, amine, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic;  
X is selected from the group consisting of NHCO, CH<sub>3</sub>NCO, CONH, CONCH<sub>3</sub>, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, O, NH, and NCH<sub>3</sub>;  
R<sub>2</sub> is a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>14</sub> alkyl group optionally substituted from 1 to 5 times with -OH, -COOH, oxo, amine, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic;  
Y is selected from the group consisting of NHCO, CH<sub>3</sub>NCO, CONH, CONCH<sub>3</sub>, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, O, NH, and NCH<sub>3</sub>; and  
Z is a moiety of the Formula V,



wherein: V is H or N<sub>3</sub>;  
W is H or F; or  
V and W together are a covalent bond; and  
B is a purinyl moiety of Formula VI



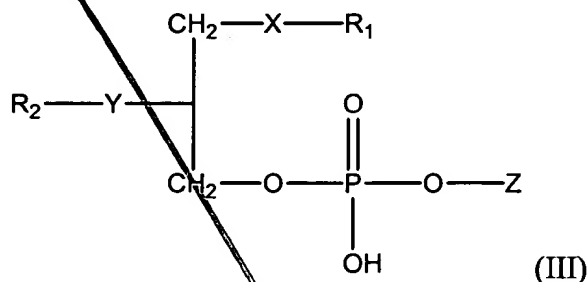
optionally substituted at position 2 with -OH, -SH, -NH<sub>2</sub> or halogen, at position 6 with Cl, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -OH, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, and at position 8 with Br or I; or  
B is a pyrimidinyl moiety of Formula VII



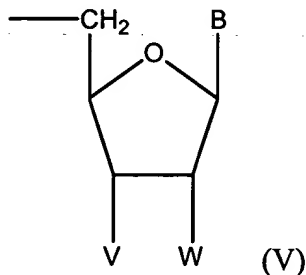
substituted at position 4 with =O or NH<sub>2</sub> and optionally substituted at position 5 with halogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> saturated or unsaturated alkyl optionally substituted 1 to 3 times with halogen;

or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

95. (Thrice Amended) A compound of Formula III



wherein:  $\text{R}_1$  is a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated  $\text{C}_6$  to  $\text{C}_{18}$  alkyl group optionally substituted from 1 to 5 times with  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{COOH}$ , oxo, amine, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic;  
 $\text{X}$  is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{NHCO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{NCO}$ ,  $\text{CONH}$ ,  $\text{CONCH}_3$ ,  $\text{S}$ ,  $\text{SO}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NH}$ , and  $\text{NCH}_3$ ;  
 $\text{R}_2$  is a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated  $\text{C}_6$  to  $\text{C}_{14}$  alkyl group optionally substituted from 1 to 5 times with  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{COOH}$ , oxo, amine, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic;  
 $\text{Y}$  is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{NHCO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{NCO}$ ,  $\text{CONH}$ ,  $\text{CONCH}_3$ ,  $\text{S}$ ,  $\text{SO}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NH}$ , and  $\text{NCH}_3$ ; and  
 $\text{Z}$  is a moiety of the Formula V,



wherein:  $\text{V}$  is  $\text{H}$  or  $\text{N}_3$ ;  
 $\text{W}$  is  $\text{H}$  or  $\text{F}$ ; or